

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-29 were previously cancelled. Claims 30, 35, 40, 44 and 46 are currently amended. Claims 32 and 33 are cancelled. New claims 55-57 are added.

Claims 31, 34, 36-39, 41-43, 45 and 47-54 are carried forward, all as follows.

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A device for pressing a dressing against a cylinder of a printing press comprising:

a plurality of pressing elements supported adjacent the cylinder, at least one of said pressing elements being engagable with one of a plurality of dressings arranged side-by-side in an axial direction of the cylinder independently of other ones of said plurality of ~~pressing~~printing elements, each said pressing element being embodied as a rolling element;

a support for each one of said plurality of ~~pressing~~printing elements, each said support being embodied as an elastically bendable body; and

an actuating means associated with each said support, each said

actuating means being adapted to be charged with a pressure medium, each said actuating means, upon actuation, being operable to deflect an associated one of said supports to place said rolling element carried by said support against a dressing on the cylinder by elastic bending of said support, each said support, upon an end of said actuation, moving said supported rolling element away from the cylinder.

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30 wherein said supports move away from said cylinder at said end of said actuation by operation of said elastically bendable body.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30 wherein said at least one of said pressing elements engagable with a dressing includes leading and trailing pressing elements spaced from each other circumferentially with respect to a production

direction of rotation of the cylinder.

35. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 30 wherein said rolling element is ~~one of a roll and a roller.~~

36. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34 including a first one of said supports for said leading pressing element and a second one of said supports for said trailing pressing element.

37. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 36 further including a holder spaced from the cylinder,
said first support being connected to said holder.

38. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 36 wherein said second support is connected to said first support.

39. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37 further including a rigid stop on

said holder, said actuating means acting on said first support being supported by said rigid stop.

40. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 36 further including one of said actuating means being located between said first support and said second support.

41. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30 wherein each said actuating means is a reversibly deformable hollow body.

42. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30 wherein each said support is in the shape of a blade.

43. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30 wherein each said support is a resilient metal piece.

44. (Currently Amended) A method for pressing a dressing against a cylinder of a printing press including:

providing a plurality of dressings arranged side-by-side in an axial direction on the cylinder;

assigning at least a first pressing element to each of said dressings;

arranging said first ~~pressing elements~~printing element assigned to all of said dressings arranged side-by-side in said axial direction of said cylinder;

supporting said at least first pressing element assigned to each said dressing for ~~movement~~moving toward and away from said cylinder independently of a remainder of said pressing elements assigned to other ones of said dressings;

providing at least one further pressing element spaced in a circumferential direction of said cylinder from said first pressing element and leading said first printing element in a direction of production rotation of said cylinder; and

placing said at least one further pressing element against said one of said dressings to be pressed on said cylinder.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44 further including providing a dressing end receiving opening in said cylinder, providing a trailing suspension leg on said dressing, pressing said at least first pressing element against said dressing

adjacent said opening in said cylinder for maintaining said dressing trailing suspension leg in said opening, and pressing said further pressing element against said dressing as soon as said first pressing element is in engagement with said dressing.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~45~~⁴⁴ further including providing a dressing end suspension leg holding member in said opening, said holding member having holding and release positions, ~~moving said further pressing element away from said dressing to be pressed on said cylinder when said cylinder is rotated so that said further pressing element is positioned along said opening and said holding member is in said release position.~~

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46 further including maintaining said further pressing element placed against said dressing until said further pressing element is located at said opening, a suspension leg at a leading end of said dressing being maintained in said opening.

48. (Previously Presented) A method for pressing a dressing against a cylinder of a

printing press including:

placing several dressings arranged side-by-side in an axial direction of the cylinder;

providing a plurality of dressing engagable rolling elements arranged side-by-side in said axial direction of the cylinder;

assigning at least one of said plurality of rolling elements to each said dressing;

engaging one of said rolling elements with its associated one of said dressing at a start of a dressing attachment process;

maintaining said one of said rolling elements in contact with said associated one of said dressings during said attachment process; and

moving each said one of said plurality of rolling elements toward and away from its associated one of said dressings independently of others of said plurality of rolling elements.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48 further including providing said dressings with suspension legs at ends of said dressings and providing a dressing end

leg receiving opening in the cylinder.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49 further including suspending a dressing leading end suspension leg in said opening at said start of said dressing attachment process.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49 further including suspending a dressing trailing suspension leg in said opening at an end of said dressing attachment process.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 further including providing a dressing end holding member in said opening and changing said holding member from a release position to a holding position at said end of said dressing attachment process.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further including moving said rolling element away from said cylinder after placing said holding members in said holding position.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49 further including suspending a leading one of said dressing end suspension legs in said opening, rotating said cylinders in a cylinder production direction, and suspending a trailing one of said dressing end suspension legs in said opening.

55. (New) In combination, a device for pressing a dressing against a cylinder of a printing press and a cylinder comprising:

- a cylinder having a cylinder axial direction and a cylinder circumferential direction;

- a plurality of dressings on said cylinder;

- a plurality of pressing elements supported adjacent said cylinder, at least one of said pressing elements being engagable with one of said plurality of dressings arranged side-by-side in an axial direction of the cylinder independently of other ones of said plurality of pressing elements, each said pressing element being embodied as a rolling element;

- a support for each one of said plurality of pressing elements, each said support being embodied as an elastically bendable body; and

an actuating means associated with each said support, each said actuating means being adapted to be charged with a pressure medium, each said actuating means, upon actuation, being operable to deflect an associated one of said supports to place said rolling element carried by said support against an associated one of said plurality of dressings on said cylinder by elastic bending of said support, each said support, upon an end of said actuation, moving said supported rolling element away from said cylinder.

56. (New) The combination of claim 55 wherein there are six of said dressings in said axial direction of said cylinder.

57. (New) The combination of claim 55 wherein there are two of said dressings in said circumferential direction of said cylinder.